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NOTE

SEE 865d.01/119 FOR #1733FROM Italy (Kirk) DATED June 10, 1936
TO NAME 1-1127 ...REGARDING: **Municipal Government of Addis Ababa.**

Decree has been issued by Graziani establishing the political, administrative, and judiciary duties of the Governor of Addis Ababa. Also a decree prohibiting alienation of lots in the capital to prevent speculation and ensure the execution of the city plan.

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REGARDING: Reconstruction of Addis Ababa. Publicity given in the
press to the plan drawn up by the Technical Commission
of the Government of Rome for, -.

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Reconstruction of Addis Ababa.

The press on September 3 gave great publicity to the plan drawn up by the Technical Commission of the Government of Rome for the reconstruction of Addis Ababa. According to the plan, a large square will be created in the center of the city between the old and new "ghebis" of the Negus. The principal government buildings and a high tower, to be called the "Torre Littoria," are to be constructed around this square. A short, wide passage running east from the tower will lead to the Viceregal Palace. An avenue running west from the tower will pass over a 220 meter cement viaduct across the Gamelé valley and the Via Makonnen and lead to the hill on which the Church of St. George is located. Another avenue running north and south through the square will lead to another square south of the tower, on which the new Catholic Cathedral will be constructed. A number of smaller roads will divide the center of the city into blocks.

The houses of the native population are to be strictly confined to a district west of the Gamelé river. This district may be divided up according to the races and religions of the natives.

The European section of Addis Ababa will be divided into various zones. There will be a zone for the rich

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(classi signorili), a zone for the well-to-do, a zone for the laborers, a zone for the military, etc. There will also be a zone for factories, a zone for hospitals, and a zone for sports on which a stadium will be constructed.

In order that the architecture will be harmonious, shops on the main avenues must have porticoes and generally must not have more than two floors above the porticoes, although some exceptions will be made to prevent a monotony of horizontal lines. It is reported that the plan of Addis Ababa provides generous space for expansion, and for parks which will make the Ethiopian capital a "garden city."

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